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THE ARTICLE

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Drivers in New York City will have to drive more slowly from Friday. The city has introduced a new speed limit of 25 mph (40 kph). The old limit was 30 mph (about 48 kph). The new law will apply to about 90 per cent of the city's streets. The city's Department of Transportation hopes the lower speed limit will make people drive more carefully and reduce traffic accidents and deaths. The city's mayor, Bill de Blasio, said he wanted to improve traffic safety and end pedestrian deaths. He said: "There's a real consensus in this town that we need to have people drive more carefully, more safely and slower for the protection of our kids, our seniors." Other people say the limit will make drivers angry and increase accidents.

Road speed limits are used in most countries to set the maximum speed for cars, trucks, buses, motorbikes, etc. They can also set the minimum speed. The first maximum speed limit in the world was the 10 mph (16 kph) limit introduced in the United Kingdom in 1861. The highest speed limit in the world is 140 kph (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's roads have no speed limit. Perhaps the most famous of these are the Autobahns in Germany. In 2006, German police said the average speed on one part of the Autobahn was 142 kph (88 mph). The World Health Organisation (WHO) said that around 1.24 million people die each year in traffic accidents. This number could fall if people drove more slowly.

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WARM-UPS

1. SPEED LIMITS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about speed limits. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

drive / speed limit / new law / city's streets / traffic safety / consensus / protection / trucks / maximum / minimum / Autobahns / average speed / traffic accidents

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DRIVING: How can we make these things safer? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Dangers now	How to make them better
Speed		
Pedestrians		
Cars		
Roads		
Cyclists		
Motorbikes		

4. SPEEDING: Students A **strongly** believe people must pay a lot of money if they speed; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. ACCIDENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that cause most accidents at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- speeding
- mobile phones
- sleepiness
- dark
- tailgating
- fog
- bad road signs
- impatience

6. SPEED: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "speed". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The old speed limit in New York was 48 mph. | T / F |
| b. The new speed limit will not be on 10 per cent of the city's roads. | T / F |
| c. The Department of Transport said it wanted to cut pollution. | T / F |
| d. Some people said the speed limit will mean there are more accidents. | T / F |
| e. The article said there are speed limits in most countries in the world. | T / F |
| f. The world's first ever speed limit was 16 kph. | T / F |
| g. German police said the top speed for cars on its Autobahns is 142 kph. | T / F |
| h. The WHO said 12.4 million people a year die in traffic accidents. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. introduced | a. agreement |
| 2. old | b. about |
| 3. reduce | c. previous |
| 4. consensus | d. started |
| 5. seniors | e. amount |
| 6. set | f. earliest |
| 7. introduced | g. decided on |
| 8. famous | h. aged |
| 9. around | i. decrease |
| 10. number | j. well known |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Drivers in New York City will have to | a. accidents |
| 2. The city has introduced a new speed | b. more slowly |
| 3. reduce traffic | c. increase accidents |
| 4. end pedestrian | d. in 1861 |
| 5. make drivers angry and | e. speed for cars |
| 6. set the maximum | f. drive more slowly |
| 7. introduced in the United Kingdom | g. year in traffic accidents |
| 8. the most famous of these are the | h. limit of 25 mph |
| 9. around 1.24 million people die each | i. Autobahns in Germany |
| 10. This number could fall if people drove | j. deaths |

GAP FILL

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Drivers in New York City will have to drive more (1) _____ from Friday. The city has (2) _____ a new speed limit of 25 mph (40 kph). The old limit was 30 mph (about 48 kph). The new law will (3) _____ to about 90 per cent of the city's streets. The city's Department of Transportation hopes the (4) _____ speed limit will make people drive more carefully and reduce traffic accidents and deaths. The city's (5) _____, Bill de Blasio, said he wanted to improve traffic safety and end pedestrian deaths. He said: "There's a real (6) _____ in this town that we need to have people drive more carefully, more safely and slower for the (7) _____ of our kids, our seniors." Other people say the limit will make drivers angry and (8) _____ accidents.

mayor
consensus
increase
introduced
lower
slowly
protection
apply

Road speed limits are used in most countries to (9) _____ the maximum speed for cars, trucks, buses, motorbikes, etc. They can also set the (10) _____ speed. The first maximum speed limit in the world was the 10 mph (16 kph) limit introduced in the United Kingdom in 1861. The (11) _____ speed limit in the world is 140 kph (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's roads have no speed limit. Perhaps the most (12) _____ of these are the Autobahns in Germany. In 2006, German police said the (13) _____ speed on one (14) _____ of the Autobahn was 142 kph (88 mph). The World Health Organisation (WHO) said that (15) _____ 1.24 million people die each year in traffic accidents. This number could (16) _____ if people drove more slowly.

highest
part
around
minimum
fall
famous
set
average

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Drivers in New York City will have to drive more slowly _____
 - a. for Friday
 - b. since Friday
 - c. last Friday
 - d. from Friday
- 2) The new law will apply to about 90 per cent of _____
 - a. the city's street
 - b. the city's streets
 - c. the cities streets
 - d. the cities street
- 3) he wanted to improve traffic safety and end _____
 - a. pedestrian deaths
 - b. pedestrian death
 - c. pedestrian deaf
 - d. pedestrian deft
- 4) drive more carefully, more safely and slower for the protection of our _____
 - a. kids, our senior
 - b. kids, our junior
 - c. kids, our seniors
 - d. kids, our juniors
- 5) Other people say the limit will make drivers angry _____
 - a. and decrease accidents
 - b. and crease accidents
 - c. and ink crease accidents
 - d. and increase accidents
- 6) Road speed limits are used in most countries to set _____
 - a. the premium speed
 - b. the optimum speed
 - c. the platinum speed
 - d. the maximum speed
- 7) The highest speed limit in the world is _____
 - a. 140 kph (78 mph)
 - b. 114 kph (87 mph)
 - c. 140 kph (87 mph)
 - d. 140 kph (78 mph)
- 8) German police said the average speed on one part of the Autobahn _____
 - a. was 143 kph
 - b. was 142 kph
 - c. was 141 kph
 - d. was 140 kph
- 9) around 1.24 million people die each year _____
 - a. in traffic accident
 - b. in traffic incidents
 - c. in traffic accidents
 - d. in traffic accidental
- 10) This number could fall if people _____
 - a. driving more slowly
 - b. drove more slowly
 - c. drives more slowly
 - d. driven more slowly

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Road speed limits are used in most countries (7) _____ speed for cars, trucks, buses, motorbikes, etc. They can also set the minimum speed. The first maximum speed (8) _____ was the 10 mph (16 kph) limit introduced in the United Kingdom in 1861. The highest speed limit (9) _____ (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's (10) _____ limit. Perhaps the most famous of these are the Autobahns in Germany. In 2006, German police said the average speed (11) _____ Autobahn was 142 kph (88 mph). The World Health Organisation (WHO) said that around 1.24 million people (12) _____ traffic accidents. This number could fall if people drove more slowly.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141109-speed-limit.html>

1. What will drivers in New York have to do from Friday?

2. What was the old speed limit in kilometres per hour?

3. What does the New York City mayor want to end?

4. Who did the mayor say needed protection?

5. How did other people say the speed limit might make people feel?

6. What can speed limits do besides set the maximum speed?

7. When was the world's first speed limit introduced?

8. Which two countries have the world's highest speed limit?

9. What was the average speed on one part of a German road in 2006?

10. Who said the number of road deaths per year was 1.24 million?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141109-speed-limit.html>

1. What will drivers in New York have to do from Friday?
 - a) pay a new speeding fine
 - b) drive more slowly
 - c) get a new license
 - d) read the rules of the road again
2. What was the old speed limit in kilometres per hour?
 - a) 42 kph
 - b) 46 kph
 - c) 48 kph
 - d) 44 kph
3. What does the New York City mayor want to end?
 - a) noise pollution
 - b) driving in the city
 - c) speed limits
 - d) pedestrian deaths
4. Who did the mayor say needed protection?
 - a) traffic police
 - b) kids and seniors
 - c) cyclists
 - d) drivers
5. How did other people say the speed limit would make people feel?
 - a) angry
 - b) good
 - c) confused
 - d) safe
6. What can speed limits do besides set the maximum speed?
 - a) set the minimum speed limit
 - b) make people drive at the same speed
 - c) make car engines smaller
 - d) increase the number of traffic police
7. When was the world's first speed limit introduced?
 - a) 1816
 - b) 1681
 - c) 1618
 - d) 1861
8. Which two countries have the world's highest speed limit?
 - a) Ecuador and Argentina
 - b) Germany and Italy
 - c) Poland and Bulgaria
 - d) South Africa and Lesotho
9. What was the average speed on one part of a German road in 2006?
 - a) 148 kph (82 mph)
 - b) 182 kph (88 mph)
 - c) 188 kph (42 mph)
 - d) 142 kph (88 mph)
10. Who said the number of road deaths per year was 1.24 million?
 - a) German police
 - b) the WHO
 - c) the International Road Safety Centre
 - d) the New York City police

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Mobile phones

You think mobile phones are the most important thing to make new rules for driving safety. Tell the others three reasons why their things do not need many rules. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): sleepiness, tailgating or speeding.

Role B – Sleepiness

You think sleepiness is the most important thing to make new rules for driving safety. Tell the others three reasons why their things do not need many rules. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): mobile phones, tailgating or speeding.

Role C –Tailgating

You think tailgating is the most important thing to make new rules for driving safety. Tell the others three reasons why their things do not need many rules. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): sleepiness, mobile phones or speeding.

Role D – Speeding

You think speeding is the most important thing to make new rules for driving safety. Tell the others three reasons why their things do not need many rules. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): sleepiness, tailgating or mobile phones.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1411/141109-speed-limit.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'speed' and 'limit'.

speed	limit

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new• 90• reduce• real• kids• angry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• most• first• 140• famous• 142• 1.24
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SPEED LIMITS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about speed limits in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SPEED LIMITS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'speed'?
- 3) What are speed limits like in your country?
- 4) What do you think of a 25 mph (40 kph) speed limit?
- 5) What are the good and bad things about speed limits?
- 6) How do people drive in your country?
- 7) Are you a good, careful and safe driver?
- 8) How can cities improve traffic safety?
- 9) Should there be fewer roads and more pedestrian areas?
- 10) Why might people get angry with the new speed limit?

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SPEED LIMITS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Should there be different speed limits for trucks?
- 13) What kind of drivers are the most dangerous?
- 14) Why are there minimum speed limits
- 15) What should happen to people who go over the speed limit?
- 16) What would life be like with a speed limit of 10 mph (16 kph)?
- 17) Why do you think there's no speed limit on Germany's Autobahns?
- 18) What would happen if there were no speed limits?
- 19) Why do people like driving fast?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask New York's mayor?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1. | (a) mainly | (b) many | (c) most | (d) more |
| 2. | (a) lasted | (b) past | (c) fast | (d) old |
| 3. | (a) supply | (b) apply | (c) reapply | (d) reply |
| 4. | (a) do | (b) have | (c) make | (d) learn |
| 5. | (a) that | (b) if | (c) what | (d) for |
| 6. | (a) make | (b) do | (c) be | (d) speed |
| 7. | (a) users | (b) using | (c) uses | (d) used |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) to | (c) as | (d) from |
| 9. | (a) has | (b) have | (c) having | (d) had |
| 10. | (a) this | (b) that | (c) these | (d) theses |
| 11. | (a) by | (b) for | (c) of | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) as | (b) in | (c) at | (d) by |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The city has tdeinurocd a new speed limit
2. department of atoisnprrontta
3. make people drive more falelcuyr
4. he wanted to improve traffic ftseay
5. for the crntiepoot of our kids
6. make drivers gnray

Paragraph 2

7. set the mmxaimu speed
8. set the nmimmui speed
9. the iethhgs speed limit
10. the most fmsauo of these
11. the veregaa speed
12. traffic sictadcen

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Drivers in New York City will have to drive more slowly from Friday. The city has introduced a new speed
- () famous of these are the Autobahns in Germany. In 2006, German police said the average
- () speed limit will make people drive more carefully and reduce traffic accidents and deaths. The city's
- () speed on one part of the Autobahn was 142 kph (88 mph). The World Health Organisation (WHO) said that around
- () the 10 mph (16 kph) limit introduced in the United Kingdom in 1861. The highest speed limit in the
- () world is 140 kph (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's roads have no speed limit. Perhaps the most
- () 1.24 million people die each year in traffic accidents. This number could fall if people drove more slowly.
- () motorbikes, etc. They can also set the minimum speed. The first maximum speed limit in the world was
- () mayor, Bill de Blasio, said he wanted to improve traffic safety and end pedestrian deaths. He said: "There's a real
- () limit of 25 mph (40 kph). The old limit was 30 mph (about 48 kph). The new law will apply
- () Road speed limits are used in most countries to set the maximum speed for cars, trucks, buses,
- () to about 90 per cent of the city's streets. The city's Department of Transportation hopes the lower
- () of our kids, our seniors." Other people say the limit will make drivers angry and increase accidents.
- () consensus in this town that we need to have people drive more carefully, more safely and slower for the protection

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. drive to have will City York New in Drivers slowly more.

2. introduced a The new city speed has limit.

3. speed make carefully lower will drive The limit people.

4. drive need more to carefully have people We.

5. say will angry people limit drivers Other the make.

6. most limits countries are used Road in speed.

7. the set also can They speed minimum.

8. the world is 140 The highest speed limit in. kph

9. the have limit of roads speed Some world's no.

10. each die people million 1.24 accidents traffic in year.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Drivers in New York City will *have / has* to drive more slowly from Friday. The city has introduced a new speed *limit / limited* of 25 mph (40 kph). The old limit was 30 mph (about 48 kph). The new law will *applies / apply* to about 90 per cent of the city's *street / streets*. The city's Department of Transportation hopes the lower *speed / speedy* limit will make people drive more carefully and *deduce / reduce* traffic accidents and deaths. The city's mayor, Bill de Blasio, said he wanted to *improve / reprove* traffic safety and end pedestrian deaths. He said: "There's a *real / reality* consensus in this town that we need to have people drive more *carefully / careful*, more safely and slower for the protection of our kids, our seniors." Other people say the limit will make drivers *anger / angry* and increase accidents.

Road speed limits are *usefully / used* in most countries to set the maximum speed *for / to* cars, trucks, buses, motorbikes, etc. They can also set the minimum speed. The first maximum speed limit *in / on* the world was the 10 mph (16 kph) limit *introduced / introduction* in the United Kingdom in 1861. The highest speed limit in the world *be / is* 140 kph (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's roads have *no / not* speed limit. Perhaps the most famous of *these / theses* are the Autobahns in Germany. In 2006, German police *say / said* the average speed on one part of the Autobahn was 142 kph (88 mph). The World Health Organisation (WHO) said that *round / around* 1.24 million people die each year in traffic accidents. This number could fall if people drove more *slow / slowly*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Dr_v_rs _n N_w Y_rk C_ty w_ll h_v_ t_ dr_v_ m_r_ sl_wly fr_m Fr_d_y. Th_ c_ty h_s _ntr_d_c_d _n_w sp__d l_m_t _f 25 mph (40 kph). Th_ _ld l_m_t w_s 30 mph (_b__t 48 kph). Th_ n_w l_w w_ll _pply t_ _b__t 90 p_r c_nt _f th_ c_ty's str__ts. Th_ c_ty's D_p_rtm_nt _f Tr_nsp_r_t_t__n h_p_s th_ l_w_r sp__d l_m_t w_ll m_k_ p__pl_ dr_v_ m_r_ c_r_f_lly _nd r_d_c_ tr_ff_c _cc_d_nts _nd d__ths. Th_ c_ty's m_y_r, B_ll d_ Bl_s__, s__d h_ w_nt_d t_ _mpr_v_ tr_ff_c s_f_ty _nd _nd p_d_str__n d__ths. H_s__d: "Th_r_'s _r__l c_n_s_n_s_s _n th_s t_wn th_t w_ n__d t_ h_v_ p__pl_ dr_v_ m_r_ c_r_f_lly, m_r_ s_f_ly _nd sl_w_r fr th_ pr_t_ct__n _f __r k_ds, __r s_n__rs." _th_r p__pl_ s_y th_ l_m_t w_ll m_k_ dr_v_rs _ngry _nd _ncr__s_ _cc_d_nts.

R__d sp__d l_m_ts _r__s_d _n m_st c__ntr__s t_s_t th_ m_x_m_m sp__d _f_r c_rs, tr_cks, b_s_s, m_t_rb_k_s, _tc. Th_y c_n _ls_ s_t th_ m_n_m_m sp__d. Th_ f_rst m_x_m_m sp__d l_m_t _n th_ w_rld w_s th_ 10 mph (16 kph) l_m_t _ntr_d_c_d _n th_ _n_t_d K_ngd_m _n 1861. Th_ h_gh_st sp__d l_m_t _n th_ w_rld _s 140 kph (87 mph) _n P_l_nd _nd B_lg_r__. S_m__ _f th_ w_rld's r__ds h_v_ n_ sp__d l_m_t. P_rh_ps th_ m_st f_m__s _f th_s _r_ th_ __t_b_hns _n G_rm_ny. _n 2006, G_rm_n p_l_c_ s__d th_ _v_r_g_ sp__d _n _n_ p_r_t _f th_ __t_b_hn w_s 142 kph (88 mph). Th_ W_rld H__lth _rg_n_s_t__n (WH_) s__d th_t _r__nd 1.24 m_ll__n p__pl_ d__ __ch y__r _n tr_ff_c _cc_d_nts. Th_s n_mb_r c__ld f_ll _f p__pl_ dr_v_ m_r_ sl_wly.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about speed limits. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SPEED LIMITS: Make a poster about speed limits. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. 25 / 40: Write a magazine article about a speed limit on all roads of 25 mph (40 kph). Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on road safety. Ask him/her three questions about accidents. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. introduced | a. started |
| 2. old | b. previous |
| 3. reduce | c. decrease |
| 4. consensus | d. agreement |
| 5. seniors | e. aged |
| 6. set | f. decided on |
| 7. first | g. earliest |
| 8. famous | h. well known |
| 9. around | i. about |
| 10. number | j. amount |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Drive more slowly
2. 48 kph
3. Pedestrian deaths
4. Kids and seniors
5. Angry
6. Set the minimum speed
7. 1861
8. Poland and Bulgaria
9. 142 kph (88 mph)
10. The WHO (World Health Organisation)

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)